GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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INQUIRY AGAINT THEFT OF TELEPHONE CABLE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 666 dated March 3, 2008 and state;

(a) the steps taken by the Government in view of arrest of only 25 persons against 20,118 cases of cable theft during a period of three years;

(b) whether the Government has taken any effective steps in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to conduct a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) inquiry into the basic reasons of such thefts in order to arrest this trend; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) to (c) Sir, as and when cable theft occurs, BSNL field units lodge FIR with local Police Authority. The matter is also taken up with the higher officers/State Government depending on the severity of the cases. Further action is taken up by BSNL as follows:

(i) Persuasion and regular follow up with the local Police Authorities for expediting pending FIRs of theft cases.

(ii) Local Police Authorities are requested to patrol the vulnerable areas for avoiding cable theft.

(iii) Meetings are held with officer-in-charge of concerned police stations to prevent cable thefts.

(iv) Supervision is enforced whenever digging work is taken up with other agencies to avoid possible theft.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise in view of (d) above